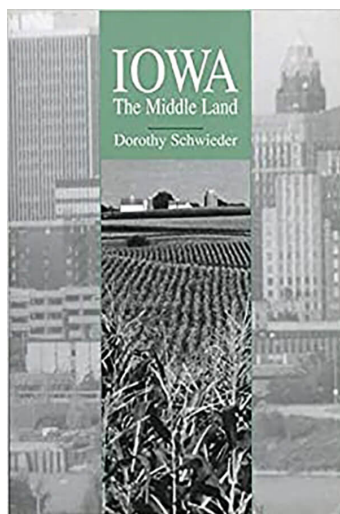


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"Iowa: The Middle Land" by historian Dorothy Schwieder

Iowa History Book Club

Join the State Historical Society of Iowa and Annals of Iowa Editor Andrew Klumpp to help commemorate the 175th anniversary of Iowa's statehood with the newly formed Iowa History Book Club!

The club will meet online quarterly throughout 2021 to discuss books relating to different aspects of Iowa history. First up is "Iowa: The Middle Land" by the legendary historian Dorothy Schwieder at 7 p.m. March 11.

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Iowa History 101 Webinars

Our year-long commemoration of [Iowa's 175th Anniversary](#) kicks off this month with our "Iowa History 101" webinars, which focus on the past lives of Iowans. Here's the lineup for January and February:

Tales of the Territory

Jan. 28, noon-1 p.m.

State Curator Leo Landis will discuss topics about the Iowa territory, before Iowa officially became a state in 1846.

Immigration to Iowa

Feb. 11, noon-1 p.m.

Iowa State University Professor Jeff Bremer will talk about immigration to Iowa in the 19th and 20th



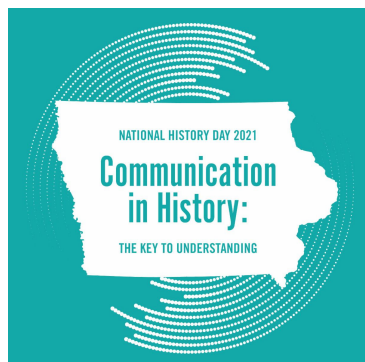
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centuries and share personal stories of immigrants.

Iowa's Black Migration: Into, Around, Out Of, and Back Again

Feb. 25, noon-1 p.m.

Genealogist Ricki King, owner of Roots to Branches Genealogy, will present a journey of Iowa's Black history illustrating the reasons why people or families moved in and out of Iowa from the beginning of its statehood.



SIGN UP!

Judges Needed for National History Day

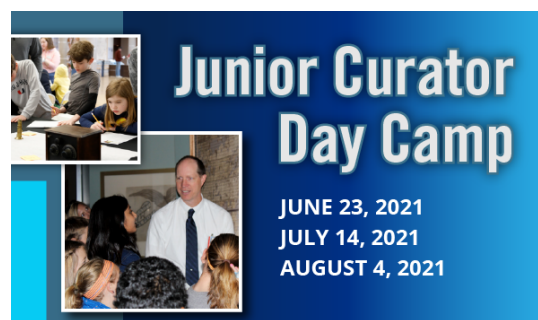
Virtual volunteers needed! We are looking for judges to evaluate student projects for the 2021 National History Day in Iowa Virtual Contest Season. Haven't volunteered before? No problem! Judges work in teams and receive online training before the contest. Judges can sign up and select a district contest that works best for their schedule.

If you have questions, please contact vania.boland@iowa.gov.



Young Writers' Workshop Returns

The popular Young Writers' Workshop returns this summer for a week of exciting adventure. Students entering grades 7-12 will work with a nationally known young adult author to hone and refine their writing skills using artifacts, exercises, research and storytelling tips. The students will end the week by giving a performance of their stories. The workshop is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 14-18.



Junior Curator Day Camp

Young historians in grades 4-6 can learn what it takes to run a museum during the Junior Curator Day Camp. They'll explore the role of curators, conservators and exhibition designers by investigating artifacts, exploring the State Historical Museum of Iowa's collection and learning about Iowa history. Students also will design their own exhibit. The camp is offered 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 23, July 14 or Aug. 4.

REGISTER NOW!



[SUBMIT AN ITEM](#)

Collecting Covid-19 Artifacts

Last year, the State Historical Society of Iowa invited Iowans to submit both physical and digital artifacts to show future historians how the Covid-19 pandemic affected work, school, family traditions and everyday life in Iowa. As the country continues to grapple with the virus, we are requesting Iowans continue to submit images, artifacts and stories that will help chronicle the pandemic's widespread impact here in Iowa. [Read more on the Iowa History blog.](#)

Nominations: SHSI Board Awards and Election

The State Historical Society of Iowa is accepting nominations for its Excellence in Iowa History Awards and for members to serve on its 12-person board of trustees.

The Excellence in Iowa History Awards recognize individuals, organizations and communities that made outstanding contributions to the study and practice of Iowa history during 2020, as well as outstanding publications, local history initiatives and significant, long-term achievements in Iowa history. **Nominations are due Feb. 1.**



2018 Excellence in Iowa History Award recipients Pella Historical Society and Wallace Winkie Foundation with Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg.

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Board of Trustees nominations can be submitted by anyone, but nominees must be members of the State Historical Society of Iowa, willing to attend five meetings per year and serve on various committees. **Board nominations are due March 1.**

Grant Deadlines Approaching



Rural Revitalization Grants



National Park Service Grants

The State Historic Preservation Office is accepting applications for Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Grants program. Iowa's local governments and nonprofits that own properties on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to apply for grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000. **Apply by Feb. 1.**

Pictured: The Hitchcock House, a stop on the Underground Railroad, in Lewis, Iowa.

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The next round of Save America's Treasures grants is open, in two different project categories: preservation and collections. Preservation projects must involve properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a National Historic Landmark. Collections projects may include artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures and other works of art. Applications are due Jan. 26.

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Celebrate Iowa Gala BINGO Card Deadline is Jan. 31



SUBMIT BINGO CARD

Heads-up: You can still submit your completed Celebrate Iowa Gala BINGO card (vertical, horizontal or diagonal) to HistoricalGala@iowa.gov by Jan. 31. In your email, please include a photo of your BINGO card with answers written on the squares. All eligible entries will be entered to win an Iowa-prize pack. Winners will be contacted via email.

Programs & Events

Extended to May 9: [Iowa Culture Mobile app featured Tour: 20 Artists, 20 Parks](#)

Jan. 28: [Preservation Advocacy During the First 100 Days of the Biden Administration and the 117th Congress, National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)

Feb. 6: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)

March 6: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)

April 3: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)

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Grants & Nominations

Jan. 26: [Save America's Treasures, National Park Service](#)

Feb 1: [Excellence in History Awards](#)

Feb 1: [Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization Grants](#)

Feb. 1: **National Trust Preservation Funds**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Feb. 1: **PastForward 2021**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Feb. 1: **America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Feb. 15: **National Preservation Awards**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

March 1: **State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees Nominations**

March 1: **Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

March 1: **Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation**, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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